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Amendment

Sir:

Please amend the Application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the paragraph(s) starting on page 14, line 29 through page 15, line 11 and replace with the following replacement paragraph(s):

Q' The rear section 194 is different than the rear section 94 of the clip shown in Fig. 6. In this embodiment, the rear section 194 comprises a laterally inward projection 198. As shown in Fig. 7, the laterally inward projection 198 is adapted to project behind the rear end 60 of the wedge 18. The projection 198, similar to the tab 106 shown in Fig. 6, limits rearward movement of the wedge 18 on the frame 12. However, the projection 198 can be formed merely by stamping the sheet metal blank which forms the clip 122 and does not require a bending process